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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR HIV/ AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia has announced further aid for combating spread of HIV/ AIDS in the States of Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the total Australian aid committee to N.E. States and such assistance received by each State so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for HIV/ AIDS prevention and control programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Australian Government has committed to provide Australian Dollars 10 million (equivalent to US Dollars 8.2 million) for combating spread of HIV/AIDS in the four North Eastern states of Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya. Funds are yet to be received.

(c) Phase III of the National AIDS Control Programme has been formulated to control the spread of HIV by scaling targeted interventions among high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness, expanding preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of opportunistic infections, provision of anti-retroviral treatment and mainstreaming of HIV interventions strategies.